

DECISIVE STEPS

Toward Forming an Organization by Pittsburgh Operators.

Meeting Between Mine Owners and the Miners' National Board.

It is probable the big strike will be settled. W. P. Dearn, attaches the directors of the Big Strike to the Uniformity Agreement at last.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 2.—The first decisive step toward forming a permanent organization for the independent coal producers of the Pittsburgh district was taken Wednesday. A well-attended meeting was held in the office of the Blythe Coal Co. in the Iron Exchange building. About twenty operators were in attendance. The meeting was in a large hall, the rooming and the situation was discussed in all its details. There was an unanimous sentiment in favor of forming a permanent organization to be known as the Coal Exchange.

A committee was appointed to report a plan by which the smaller producers can be benefited in the way of fairer prices from the lake shippers. They are to make a report which is to give the objects and the mode of organizing the organization. The shippers, the committee: J. W. Shields, W. J. Steen, J. W. Johnson, W. R. Wilson and G. W. Hoar. The committee will meet Friday and make a report to another meeting to be held Saturday afternoon, when it is hoped to perfect the organization. It is claimed by some that the real object of the meeting was to confer with the lake shippers with a view of settling the strike at the 60 cent rate, but this was denied by those who took part in the meeting.

Pittsburgh coal operators will meet the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Hotel Duquesne. A conference will be held and it is very probable that the big strike will be settled, not, however, until the miners of the Pittsburgh district have a say. This, in brief, is the situation and hopes are high that a settlement will follow the conference. It is expected that the strike will be prevented though by one side or the other failing to make concessions that seem to be in sight.

W. P. Dearn, who represents the Scott interests, George W. Schlender, C. A. Andrews and J. C. Dyar, all attended the conference. Dearn is for Columbus. None of them would say anything for publication except Mr. Dyar. He said: "The miners' officials have asked for a settlement and we are going to Columbus for that purpose. That is all I can say."

It is expected that the conference of operators from Cleveland will also be in Columbus Thursday morning. W. P. Dearn, president of the New York and Cleveland Coal Co., Wednesday evening, attended the signature of his company to the uniformity agreement. This signature has been looked for for a long time and some of the promoters of the scheme were beginning to despair of getting it. Those having in charge the settlement of the strike now feel confident that the rest of the operators will fall in line rapidly and the uniformity plan will soon be an assured fact.

The executive committee of the big lake shippers held a meeting Wednesday and it is said it was decided to make once toward opening their minds. The mines were selected, but their location was not made public. As there seems to be a possibility of a settlement at Columbus Thursday, active steps toward resumption will not be taken until after the result of that conference is known.

GRAIN EXPORTS

From the City of Baltimore During the Month of August.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 2.—August, of 1917, was the banner month for the exports of the port of Baltimore so far as exports are concerned.

Their value amounted to the enormous sum of \$10,343,931, figure never before reached.

Of the exports, grain formed the largest part, aggregating 9,240,000 bushels, breaking the record of the port for shipments of this character. There were made up as follows:

Five million four hundred and seventy-five thousand eight hundred and sixty-two bushels of wheat.

Three million four hundred and seventy-five thousand seven hundred and three bushels of corn.

One hundred and thirty thousand five hundred and ninety-six bushels of rye.

Sixty thousand and twenty bushels of oats.

There were 47 full cargoes of grain. Among these the Knight Bachelor ship to Antwerp 899,000 bushels, the largest cargo of cereals ever shipped from an American port in one ship.

To strengthen the Pensacola Harbor.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 2.—The army and navy departments have decided to further strengthen the defenses of this harbor, the president has issued an order setting apart about 370 acres of the naval military reservation on the main land extending into the bay and opposite to the city about four miles distant for military and naval defenses.

It is understood that batteries or guns are to be erected here. These guns will command the entire inner harbor, the navy yards and the city and will be a valuable addition to the harbor defenses already erected.

Four Persons Killed in a Week.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—A passenger train has been derailed near the station of eight miles south of Tunbridge Wells, on the Brighton line. Four persons are known to have been killed and many have been injured.


Settled Low for Mayor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The Boroughs committee of the citizens' union nominated Seth Low for mayor of Greater New York.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

The winners were: Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, Brooklyn, Boston and New York.
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SHELL ROCK SAYINGS.

Things in that Romantic Region of Mason County's Picturesque Domain.

Mrs. Burge's hostess quite ill for several days.

The Postoffice at Plumville has gone East a couple hundred yards.

The travel on the M. & L. road is double what it was before the road was made free.

John Bradford and sister Miss Lizzie visited relatives in Fleming county a few days recently.

Captain John Wells had a large force of hands out working the road a couple of days last week.

Thomas Hodges, James Gill and Mr. Shoemaker near Rectortown lost their crops of tobacco by the recent hailstorm.

Henry Burge sold twenty-one head of cattle to Harry Frederick and others for \$3 cents, and he fessed up that times are moving along.

A meeting has been going on at Plumville for several days past. The preaching has been earnest, but as yet no additions to the Church.

We were down in Charleston Bottom the other day and saw men that were getting \$1 a day for working and sundering tobacco. Don't that sound a little like old times?

Uncle Steve made his usual round to Bradsville, O., and this time he took another sprightly widower with him, and that other one had better not go any more or we will give his name to 10,000 LEADER readers.

The class leaders at Stewart's and Wesley Chapel will change places next Sunday, meeting at Wesley at 10:30 in the morning and at Stewart at 8 p. m. This is the old-time way. Now let the people turn out at each place and have good meetings.

A very pretty wedding took place at Bethany Church on Cabin creek last Thursday evening. The contracting parties were Andrew F. Byerly, a prosperous farmer of Callie, Vermillion county, Ill., and Miss Amanda B. Berry of Pleasant Ridge, Mason county. The Church was well lighted and beautifully decorated, and before the hour arrived for the two to be made one the house was crowded with people that never looked prettier in their lives. Some one said, "Here they come!" and you could have heard a pin drop as they walked up the aisle to the altar, where they were met by Elder F. P. Dugman, who pronounced them man and wife. They left over the C. and O. the following morning for their Western home. The good wishes of all went with them, and may all their troubles be little ones.

In conversation with Mr. A. L. Redman a few days since he informed the writer that he was 79 years old, and we were at a loss to know how he holds his own so

well, unless it is because he has been such a staunch Republican. I remember back to '60 and '61, when the writer was a boy climbing around over the Cabin creek hills and almost every lip trembled with fear, and people hardly knew what was best to do, yet Mr. Redman was a quiet, inoffensive man, and stood by the old flag that he loved so well. But how time does fly! He says the most of his life has been spent in trying to live an upright life, and he is not a fraud, but we were sorry when he said his race was about run and was now awaiting for the summons. May his last days be his best ones.

The following letter explains itself:

SEA BRIDGE, Fla., Aug. 30th, 1897.

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What The Ledger's Correspondent Reports From That Pleasant Vicinity.

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A. M. Cooper goes to town every week now as he has free time.

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We were glad to see the Springdale people over here at Church Sunday.

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We were down in Charleston Bottom the other day and saw men that were getting \$1 a day for working and sundering tobacco. Don't that sound a little like old times?

Uncle Steve made his usual round to Bradsville, O., and this time he took another sprightly widower with him, and that other one had better not go any more or we will give his name to 10,000 LEADER readers.

The class leaders at Stewart's and Wesley Chapel will change places next Sunday, meeting at Wesley at 10:30 in the morning and at Stewart at 8 p. m. This is the old-time way. Now let the people turn out at each place and have good meetings.

A very pretty wedding took place at Bethany Church on Cabin creek last Thursday evening. The contracting parties were Andrew F. Byerly, a prosperous farmer of Callie, Vermillion county, Ill., and Miss Amanda B. Berry of Pleasant Ridge, Mason county. The Church was well lighted and beautifully decorated, and before the hour arrived for the two to be made one the house was crowded with people that never looked prettier in their lives. Some one said, "Here they come!" and you could have heard a pin drop as they walked up the aisle to the altar, where they were met by Elder F. P. Dugman, who pronounced them man and wife. They left over the C. and O. the following morning for their Western home. The good wishes of all went with them, and may all their troubles be little ones.

In conversation with Mr. A. L. Redman a few days since he informed the writer that he was 79 years old, and we were at a loss to know how he holds his own so

well, unless it is because he has been such a staunch Republican. I remember back to '60 and '61, when the writer was a boy climbing around over the Cabin creek hills and almost every lip trembled with fear, and people hardly knew what was best to do, yet Mr. Redman was a quiet, inoffensive man, and stood by the old flag that he loved so well. But how time does fly! He says the most of his life has been spent in trying to live an upright life, and he is not a fraud, but we were sorry when he said his race was about run and was now awaiting for the summons. May his last days be his best ones.

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JAS. W. FITZGERALD, City Treasurer, Office—Keith-Schroeder Harness Co.

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For the above occasion the C. and O. will sell excursion tickets Mayville, Ky., to Columbus, O., and return at rate of \$5. via the Big Four. Tickets on sale August 30th to September 30th. Final limit September 4th.

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The C. and O. will sell round-trip tickets Mayville to Cincinnati at \$1.25 September 10th. Limit one day. Tickets good going and returning on all passenger trains.

Tennessee Centennial.

On above occasion the L. and N. Railroad will round trip tickets to Nashville as follows: April 25th to October 15th; April 25th to October 31st, limited fifteen days from date of sale. Final limit all on November 7th, 1897.

Labor Day Celebration.

On account of Labor Day Celebration and Anniversary Society meeting at Portsmouth the C. and O. will sell round-trip excursion tickets Mayville to Portsmouth at \$1.25 September 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th; good returning until September 11th.

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